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MANUFACTURING METHOD, AND DEVICE MANUFACTURED THEREBY

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Sir:

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An English language abstract of the non-patent literature is attached that indicates the degree of relevance, thereby satisfying the requirement for a concise explanation.

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